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In re the Application of: D. Ward *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/335,956

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified continuation application, please amend the application as requested below. The claim amendments and accompanying remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 21, 2001 (Paper No. 11) issued in the parent application, U. S. Serial No. 09/335,956.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, <sup>NE</sup>9-15, 17, and 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows: